

Name:
U.S. History

Date:

7th Grade

Life in the Thirteen Colonies In-Class Project Overview



➤ Your colony:

Overview:

For the next two weeks, you will be doing a project in history class as a way of learning about life in the American colonies. Each student will study one of the original colonies and teach the class all of the fascinating details.

There will be many pieces of this project, from research to content creation. The research and media literacy process will count in the quiz category, and the final project will take the place of a test grade. The project should, however, be relaxing and fun – a chance to use research skills and creativity.

Project Topic:

Your colony needs more people! You have been hired by the governor of the colony to attract new settlers. Your job is to create an **advertising presentation**, full of rich information and eye-catching images, to lure colonists to your colony. Tell them why your colony is the best. Tell them why they should come to your colony!

Class Process:

You will begin with two days of print research, using the series of books in the classroom and the questions on the Research Guide. You will then transition to two days of Internet research, using the links provided on the class wiki page. As you research, you should pay special attention to any photographs and pictures that would add visual interest to your topic. You will document all of your notes using the Notability app, by taking photos and screen caps of the text, and then annotating the text using script, sticky notes, and highlights.

Web Applications:

In the next phase, you will use several different Internet resources to create a multimedia advertisement and travel brochure. In designing a Prezi presentation and customized images, you will try to sell your colony to potential settlers. These web applications will feature the topics of your research. You will also create an original slogan and logo of why your colony is significant. The overall combination of noteworthy facts, engaging language, and appealing visuals should convince people to choose your colony!